

Currently, when a DMM fails to meet the affirmative quote obligations set forth in Rule 104(a)(1)(A)–NYSE Amex Equities, the Exchange's only remedy is to bring a formal disciplinary proceeding pursuant to NYSE Amex Disciplinary Rule 476. This is the case whether or not the DMM has failed to meet its obligations once or many times and regardless of whether the DMM made a technical error or an intentional one.

The Exchange believes that the current regulatory approach for dealing with DMM quoting obligations is too inflexible. The Exchange recognizes that DMMs may, for many reasons, fail to meet their affirmative quote obligations under Rule 104(a)(1)(A)–NYSE Amex Equities. In some circumstances, formal disciplinary measures in accordance with NYSE Amex Disciplinary Rule 476 are warranted. However, in other instances such a proceeding may be unwarranted, and the Exchange is of the view that the addition of Rule 104(a)(1)(A)–NYSE Amex Equities to the list of rule violations and fines under Disciplinary Rule 476A will provide a more flexible and appropriate tool to enforce potential failure by DMMs to adhere to the quoting requirements set forth in the Rule, while preserving the Exchange's discretion to seek formal discipline under the appropriate circumstances.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with, and further the objectives of, Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹² in that they are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule changes also further the objectives of Section 6(b)(6), in that they provide for appropriate discipline for violations of principles of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and Exchange rules and regulations.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes will provide the Exchange with greater regulatory flexibility to enforce the DMM quoting requirements set forth in Rule 104(a)(1)(A)–NYSE Amex Equities in a more informal manner while also preserving the Exchange's discretion to seek formal discipline for more serious transgressions as warranted.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹³ and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁴ Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number NYSEAmex-2009–47 on the subject line.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number NYSEAmex–2009–47. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the self-regulatory organization. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number NYSEAmex–2009–47 and should be submitted on or before August 26, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6720]

Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of Tajikistan

Pursuant to section 7088(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Division H, Pub. L. 111–8) (“the Act”), and

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of section 7088(c)(1) of the Act with respect to the Government of Tajikistan, and I hereby waive such restriction.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 2, 2009.

Jacob J. Lew,

Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending July 18, 2009

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2004-18468.

Date Filed: July 16, 2009.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 6, 2009.

Description: Application of Polar Air Cargo Worldwide, Inc. requesting renewal of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 820 authorizing it to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between any point or points in the United States, via any intermediate points, to a point or points in China open to scheduled international

operations, and beyond to any points outside of China, with full traffic rights.

Renee V. Wright,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending July 25, 2009

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under Sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1382 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2009-0166.

Date Filed: July 22, 2009.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

Mail Vote 605—Resolution 010e. TC3 Special Passenger Amending Resolution between Japan and China (excluding Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR), (Memo 1310).

Intended effective date: 05 August 2009.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2009-0169.

Date Filed: July 23, 2009

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

Mail Vote 606—Resolution 010f. TC3 Special Passenger Amending Resolution From Brunei Darussalam to South East Asia, (Memo 1311).

Intended effective date: 05 August 2009.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2009-0170.

Date Filed: July 24, 2009.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC31 N&C 0487. TC31 North & Central Pacific. TC3 (except Japan)-North America, Caribbean except between Korea (Rep. of) and USA.

Resolution 010g, 046e. Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Korea (Rep. of) to Canada, Mexico, Caribbean (Memo 0487).

Intended effective date: 7 August 2009.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2009-0171.

Date Filed: July 24, 2009.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC31 N&C 0487.

TC31 North & Central Pacific.

TC3 (except Japan)-North America, Caribbean between Korea (Rep. of) and USA.

Resolution 010h.

Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Korea (Rep. of) to USA (Memo 0488).

Intended effective date: 7 August 2009.

Renee V. Wright,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2009-0001-N-18]

Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirement (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 21, 2009 (74 FR 23927).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 4, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., 3rd Floor, Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (*telephone:* (202) 493-6292), or Ms. Nakia Jackson, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., 3rd Floor, Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (*telephone:* (202) 493-6073). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue